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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to inform the Patent and Trademark Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application, which are or may be material to the patentability of a claim of the subject application, Attorneys and/or Agents for Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to reference AJ listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. A copy of the reference is attached.

The listed reference is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(a) concerning the Examiner's duty to consider and use any such information. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner make the listed reference of record in the file history of the application, and consider the information contained therein during the prosecution of this application.

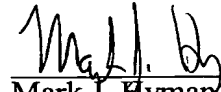
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merits. Accordingly, no fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this submission to our Deposit Account No. 08-3425.

Respectfully submitted,

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